

Concealed electrical box installed too deep



Overview

The easiest fix is using plastic box extenders that cost like a dollar each, which slide right onto the boxes to fill the gap. Getting your electrical installations right shouldn't feel like rocket science. Hidden switches and sockets look sleek until you're elbow-deep in. I have an electrical box that is set about 1/8" too deep in the wall so when the switchplate is installed the receptable plugs are sunken into the plate and recessed. I saw some spacers to install behind the devices, but I'm wondering if it's ok to use spacers that deep or if there's another. All of the boxes (switches, light fixtures, outlets, etc.) are anchored to studs and/or rafters and set at a depth that would be fitting for some thin paneling or drywall. Extends Electrical Boxes Set Too Deeply in Wall ￼￼￼￼￼￼￼￼￼ TOOLS & MATERIAL USED IN THIS PROJECT: ￼￼￼￼￼￼￼￼￼￼￼￼.



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As part of the work I've chased out the walls for electric back boxes but I've chased a bit too deep in places so it's hard to get the back boxes flush and level.

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Junction boxes too deep for wall

Sounds like you need a multi tool to remove some of the stud that the boxes are attached to. Another option, may be that the conductors inside the box can be made shorter so a shallower ...

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